

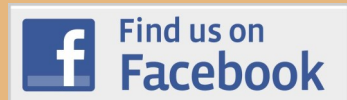


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HIGHLIGHTS

NO FRIDAY FACTS NEXT WEEK

There will be no Friday Facts published on February 12, due to state offices being closed, in observance of Lincoln's birthday.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES (DHSS) SNAPSHOT NEWSLETTER IS NOW AVAILABLE

The DHSS Snapshot Newsletter is now available through the following link: <http://health.mo.gov/information/news/snapshot/nov15.pdf>. Snapshot is a bi-monthly publication. Look for future editions in the Friday Facts.

REGISTER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES (DHSS) AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY (LPHA) PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE, "EMPOWERING PUBLIC HEALTH FOR TOMORROW" – March 2-3

Registration is open for the DHSS and LPHA Public Health Conference, "Empowering Public Health for Tomorrow", on March 2 & 3 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, in Columbia, Missouri. The conference is free of charge and travel reimbursement is available for LPHAs (see *registration form for details*). Space is limited, so please share with your staff and register soon. Make hotel reservations no later than **February 19 by calling 573-445-8531 or 800-933-8531, and mention code PUB**. A block of single and double occupancy rooms has been set aside, until February 19. The conference agenda, on-line registration, and hotel information are available at <http://health.mo.gov/living/lpha/meetings.php>.

CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS AWARENESS WEEK - February 7-14

February 7-14 is Congenital Heart Defects awareness week. Congenital Heart Defects (CHDs) are the most common birth defects affecting approximately 1 in every 125 babies (about 1 percent or 40,000 babies) every year, in the United States. CHDs are present at birth and can affect the structure of the baby's heart and the way it works. About 1 in every 4 babies born with a heart defect has a Critical Congenital Heart Defect (CCHD). Babies with CCHD are at risk for serious health problems or death, without surgery or other procedures within their first year of life. In Missouri, all babies are required to be screened for CCHD soon after birth. Screening is painless, non-invasive, and can help detect CCHDs early. Screening allows for treatment that can prevent disability and death early in life. For more information about CCHD screening in Missouri, visit www.health.mo.gov/cchd.

LPHA Job Opportunities

Links to Valuable Resources

- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [Directory of LPHAs](#)
- [Area Agencies on Aging & Services](#)
- [Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies](#)
- [Missouri Institute for Community Health](#)
- [Missouri Public Health Association](#)
- [CDC's Weekly Scientific Digest](#)
- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
- [FDA Environmental Health Training](#)
- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
- [Ozark Public Health Institute](#)
- [Heartland Centers](#)
- [Midwest Public Health Training Center](#)

PLEASE JOIN THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI HEALTH DEPARTMENT (KCMOHD), IN CONGRATULATING TRACIE MCCLENDON-COLE AS THE NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Please join the City of Kansas City, Missouri Health Department (KCMOHD) in congratulating Tracie McClendon-Cole as the new Deputy Director. In addition to her new duties as Deputy Director, she continues her role as Manager of the KCMOHD's Justice Program and Director of the Aim4Peace, Violence Prevention Program. She has more than 20 years of experience brokering government relationships and activities with community residents and organizations, and administering numerous community-involved grants through local government. As Aim4Peace Director, she furthers the mission of the evidence-based violence prevention strategy, which is designed to increase the capacity of the community to handle its own disputes and empower citizens through community mobilization to peacefully resolve conflicts, by providing oversight of the program. As a result of Tracie McClendon-Cole's leadership, Aim4Peace has received national awards, including the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) Promising Practice Award and was the 2015 winner of the Missouri Public Health Association's (MPHA) Group Merit Award. She successfully administered multiple projects and collaborated with researchers on the production of peer-reviewed publications. Her work has promoted health equity for residents, through a public health and social justice approach. Tracie is a recent Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Ladder to Leadership Program Fellow and The Central Exchange, Adele Hall Endowment for Advancement and Development (AHEAD) Program Fellow. She received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology; her Master of Arts in Public Administration from the University of Kansas; as well as her Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY 2016

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD) is February 7. In Missouri for 2014, Blacks accounted for 53% of newly diagnosed HIV infections, despite representing only 12% of the population. New HIV brochures are currently available in the Department warehouse, titled "Keeping Free from HIV" (there is one available for men and one available for women); order them at <http://health.mo.gov/warehouse/e-l-sdp-hsh.html>. For information on educating communities and to obtain a toolkit for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, go to <http://nationalblackaidsday.org/>. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis encourage the use of routine opt-out HIV screening in all healthcare settings. For more information, please contact the Bureau at 573-751-6439.

CERTIFICATION BOARD EXAMINATION NEWS 2016

The Missouri Board of Certification will be giving the examinations for Missouri Certification and National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Registered Sanitarian/Registered Environmental Health Specialist (RS/REHS) Certification, prior to the Missouri Milk, Food, and Environmental Health Association (MMFEHA) Conference. Both exams will be given on Tuesday, April 5, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Ramada Oasis Convention Center in Springfield. Anyone that is interested in taking either of the exams will need to contact Laura Whiffen at 417-864-1426 or via e-mail at lwhiffen@springfieldmo.gov. Applications for the Missouri exam can be obtained at www.mmfeha.org; hover over Board of Certification and click 'resources'. You will then be taken to the resource page and you will be able to click on the application in the 'how do I' section of the page. Applications for the Missouri exam must be completed and sent to Laura by March 18. Reference materials and the study guide for the NEHA RS/REHS exam are available from the Missouri Board of Certification.

WIC UPDATES

The WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC web page. You can view the updates at <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php>. This week's updates include:

- DHSS Health Update - Zika Virus Infections
- Neocate Infant, with docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) and arachidonic acid) ARA
- Fundamentals of Breastfeeding - An 18-Hour Course
- Decision Tree for Risk Factors (411, 425, and 427) - ER# 2.04550
- National Children's Dental Health Month
- Updates on WIC Nutrition Education Resources
- wichealth.org Update
- CEU Corner

DHSS CORNER

DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

WELCOME NEW MISSOURI DENTAL DIRECTOR

Dr. John Dane, DDS, started as the State of Missouri Dental Director on January 4. Dr. Dane is a graduate of University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Dentistry, and he completed his residency at Eastman Dental Center in Rochester, New York. John is a diplomate of the American Board of Special Care Dentistry, and he retired from Truman Medical Center Lakewood and UMKC School of Dentistry on December 1, 2015, after 38 years. John is married to Rhesa; they have three children and six grandchildren, and they still maintain a home in Lees Summit. Dr. Dane has experience as a director of a large safety net clinic, the Elks Mobile Dental Program, and a mobile school-based dental program in Independence.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

THE MISSOURI MILK, FOOD, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (MMFEHA) ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE – April 6-8

The Missouri Milk, Food, and Environmental Health Association (MMFEHA) Annual Education Conference is scheduled for April 6-8. Please note, the conference has changed locations this year. This year's education conference will be held at Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center, 2546 N. Glenstone Ave., Springfield, MO 65803. Their website is <http://www.ramadaoasis.com>. The MMFEHA website has been updated with this year's conference registration form. The website for MMFEHA is <http://www.mmfeha.org>. The MMFEHA Spring Newsletter, conference agenda, and pre-conference training information will be available in the next two weeks.

For other training opportunities, please see [Links to Valuable Resources](#) on Page 2 of this Friday Facts publication.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST I-III - Audrain County Health Department

The Audrain County Health Department is seeking interested applicants with the following minimum qualifications: a Bachelor's degree from an accredited 4-year college/university, with major specialization (30 semester hours) in one, or a combination of, the following: biology, chemistry, bacteriology, food science, soil science, environmental health, or in closely-related physical or natural sciences. Applicants must have excellent written, verbal, and organizational skills; public health experience is preferred, but not required. Responsibilities include a variety of inspections relating to environmental public health programs including the following: individual water and on-site wastewater treatment systems; food and facility sanitation; food safety inspection; food and waterborne disease prevention and outbreak investigation; child care facility sanitation and safety; commercial lodging sanitation and safety; vector control; environmental public health factors related to disaster response and/or food transportation accidents; response to food recalls; and environmental epidemiology programs concerning toxic and hazardous chemicals and their risk assessment. Resumes and cover letters may be submitted by mail to: Sandra Hewlett, MS, APRN, FACHE, Administrator, Audrain County Health Department, 1130 S. Elmwood Drive, PO Box 957, Mexico, MO 65265. They may also be submitted via e-mail to shewlett@audraincountyhealth.org. Applications must be received by Friday, February 12. EOE

REGISTERED DIETICIAN/NUTRITIONIST – Franklin County Health Department

The Franklin County Health Department has an immediate opening for a full-time Registered Dietician or Nutritionist with their Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program. The person in this position will be responsible for planning and implementation of the nutritional components of the WIC program, as well as providing nutrition and breast feeding counseling and education to eligible families. WIC experience is desired. If interested, please contact Angie Hittson, Director at 636-583-7312 or e-mail at hittsa@lpha.mopublic.org.

Peter Lyskowski, Acting Department Director, DHSS Staff
County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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